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Nicholas J. DORAN, <i>et al.</i>	)	Confirmation No.: 4850
Application No.: 09/083,966	)	Group Art Unit: 2633
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For: DISPERSION MANAGEMENT	)	Mail Stop RCE
SYSTEM FOR SOLITON OPTICAL	)	
TRANSMISSION SYSTEM	)	

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**RESPONSE TO EX PARTE QUAYLE ACTION AND**  
**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

This is filed in response to the Ex parte Quayle Action (the "Quayle Action") dated January 14, 2003 in connection with the above-referenced application, the period for response to which is extended through June 16, 2003 (June 14, 2003 being a Saturday). A petition for Extension of Time and the appropriate fee are being filed concurrently herewith. Also, a Request for Continued Examination, the appropriate fee, and a Preliminary Amendment are also being filed concurrently herewith.

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